



Westfield City Council Report

Resolution Number: 16-100
APC Petition Number: 1602-CPA-01
Petitioner: The Conservancy Task Group (the "TCTG")
Requested Action: Approval of The Conservancy Addendum, an addendum to the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.
Exhibits:

1. The Conservancy Area
2. Resolution No. 16-100
3. The Conservancy Addendum

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PETITION HISTORY

This petition is scheduled to be introduced at the January 11, 2016, City Council meeting. The petition is scheduled for its public hearing at the February 1, 2016, Advisory Plan Commission (the "Plan Commission") meeting. Subject to the public hearing, this petition is currently scheduled to be at the Council's March 14, 2016, meeting for adoption consideration.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This document is an addendum to the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan adopted on February 12, 2007 (Resolution 07-06), as amended, in accordance with I.C. 37-7-4-500 et seq. (the "2007 Comprehensive Plan"). This addendum is to be known as "The Conservancy" addendum (see **Exhibit 3**) and is an update to the 2007 Comprehensive Plan with respect to the geographic area shown in the attached **Exhibit 1**.

The process of preparing this addendum was citizen-driven and involved a series of neighborhood meetings and open houses hosted by a group of citizen and community leaders. The study group members (“The Conservancy Task Group” or “TCTG”) include:

- ▶ Kristen Burkman, Westfield Citizen
- ▶ Suzy DuBois, Westfield Citizen
- ▶ Steve Hoover, City Council
- ▶ Dr. Ginny Kelleher, Township Citizen
- ▶ Ken Kingshill, Plan Commission
- ▶ Chuck Lehman, City Council
- ▶ Cindy Spoljaric, City Council
- ▶ Danielle Tolan, Township Trustee
- ▶ Dr. Bruce VanNatta, Westfield Citizen

Since the adoption of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan, the City and Township have continued to see significant growth pressures. One area of the community that has received development pressure is the southwest part of the Township.

TCTG believes this development pressure has warranted consideration to update and refine in a more detailed manner the geographic area that encompasses The Conservancy. TCTG and residents in the surrounding area are hopeful this addendum will further define the community’s expectations for The Conservancy and will encourage development that is sensitive to its unique rural and environmental characteristics.

PROCEDURAL

Public Hearing: Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are required to be considered at a public hearing by the Plan Commission. The public hearing for this petition is scheduled for February 1, 2016, Plan Commission meeting. Notice of the public hearing will be provided in accordance with Indiana law and the Plan Commission’s Rules of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS

Plan Commission Recommendation

Public Hearing: February 1, 2016
Recommendation: February 16, 2016

City Council

Introduction: January 11, 2016
Eligible for Adoption: March 14, 2016

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